

*May 2016 Clarence Bee:*

I first and foremost would like to thank all of the Clarence Citizens that have served our country in the armed forces, and especially thank those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. There are over one hundred Clarence residents, dating as far back as the Civil War that have given their life in the line of duty.

I hope you are able to join us on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to honor our fallen soldiers at the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at our Town Park, starting at 11:00am with the parade beginning at the Clarence High School, ending at the Main Street Town Park, followed by a special Memorial Day Ceremony at the Park. Special thanks to the Clarence American Legion Post 838 for holding this event in honor of our fallen.

As Memorial Day kicks off the unofficial start of summer, the outdoor activities dramatically increase. The Town of Clarence asks that you use as much caution as possible during these months, as a driver, and as a recreational user. As you are out enjoying the beautiful weather, please always be aware of your surroundings, inform others of where you are going, and always try to bring a buddy with you when you can.

The Town of Clarence has beautiful bike trails that connect to many neighborhoods and parks. There are several benches and various areas that available for rest. As another reminder, please note the safety policies for our paths:

- All pets are to be leashed at all times and need to be cleaned up after.
- No glass containers or alcohol on the paths.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind.
- Trails are open from sunrise to sunset.

Last week, we were very happy to have the ribbon cutting ceremony of our new restrooms at the Clarence Main Street Town Park – which is located nearby one of our trails. The old restroom facilities were built in the 1950s. Besides being extremely outdated, they also limited it's use to just the summer months. The town activities and population has significantly changed in the past 60 years. The new facility is considerably larger, and is now ADA compliant. Best of all, it is heated, which will allow it to be open year round – including for our various winter activities, and those that enjoy the bike trails during the winter months as well.

I would like to thank town engineer Tim Lavocat for working tirelessly for getting this project completed, on budget, and on time. I would like to also thank Jim Burkard and the Parks Department employees for finishing the inside of the facility, and for helping to complete the interior work in such a timely matter, allowing for the facility to be open in time for our Memorial Day weekend activities. Last but not least, a special thanks to James Dussing and the Clarence Highway Department for removing the old building, and for the paving work around the new facilities.